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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, GH
SUBJ: POSSIBLE SALE OF HANDGUNS AND M-16A1 RIFLES

REF: STATE 153564

1. BRIGADIER NUNOO-MENSAH, CHIEF OF STAFF, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) OFFICIALLY INFORMED DAO ON AUGUST 17 THAT ALTHOUGH MOD HAD DISCUSSED THE M16 RIFLE WITH COLT REPRESENTATIVES "A LONG TIME AGO", IT HAD INSTEAD PURCHASED WEST GERMAN G3 RIFLES.

2. SOURCE ALSO TOLD DAO THAT MOD HAD PLACED NO ORDER FOR PISTOLS AND COULD NOT IN ANY EVENT USE AS MANY AS 6,300 PISTOLS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW BRIG NUNOO-MENSAH'S FORMAL ASSURANCES, COLT APPLICATION (REFTEL) WOULD SEEM TO FALL AWAY. DAO COMMENTS THAT, FOR THE RECORD, THE GERMAN G3 RIFLES WERE PURCHASED IN 1976. HE ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHIEF OF STAFF MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS THAN CANDID IN SUMMARILY DISMISSING A POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PISTOLS; MOD FEELERS FOR SUCH A PURCHASE CAME TO DAO ATTENTION LAST YEAR (DAO ACCRA IR 6 835 0078 77). DAO CONCURS NEVERTHELESS WITH CHIEF OF STAFF'S REMARKS RE NUMBERS OF PISTOLS; HE ESTIMATES THAT SOMETHING UNDER 2,000 WOULD BE ADEQUATE
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FOR THE NEEDS OF GOG'S MILITARY FORCE WITH NO MORE THAN 1,000 OFFICERS.
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